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Applicants : Guenther HAMBITZER et al.

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REPLY

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated September 3, 2010, and subsequent Advisory Action dated December 14, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicants have petitioned for a two-month extension of time, extending the date of submission from the original due date of December 3, 2010, to February 3, 2011. Accordingly, this Reply is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.